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AND where can I find Mr. Kruger? This was a delicate question which I was encouraged to put to Betty, whose smile was so ample and broad. She had a capacious cast of feature, to illumine which consumed time. "Ah!" she gurgled. Then meditating deeply, Betty whispered, "He didn't "leave no address. Said he was in a hurry and was goin' for a cruise on wheels sumwher's "atween 'ere and Come Harty Port! If you was to walk along the line you might catch sight of "him. He said he might give his friend, Abram Erasmus, a call at Lydenburg. He ain't very well, and his "doctor said he wanted rest. I wanted to go too, but he said going alone was part of the doctor's prescription." "In the historic words," I exclaimed, "I will never desert Mr. Kruger." "Oh, won't yer," says he, "then I'll "desert you," he says, and off he goes, and I ain't set eyes on him since. Of course he won't come back now while Bobs is in the place. And there's Mrs. Botha, she ain't seen 'er 'usbing, but she don't fret, as she says he'll turn up sometime or other, when least expected. Mrs. Steyn said she would take a trip on her own, and gone she has. Perhaps she's in Paris now, a swaggerin on the Bouleyvards along wiv' Leyds, who was agoing to put all things to Reitz. Cronje and his donah 'as had a nice little trip to sea, and like their island 'ome, I 'ears. Couldn't you telegraph to Mr. Kruger that I am coming, and to send some one to meet me? Betty scrutinised me suspiciously. "How can I do that," says she. "Come now," "I replied, there is a tidy tall flag staff on the roof. Havn't you heard of Marconi's wireless telegraphy? How easy for Mr. Kruger to put up a telescopic pole on the top of his saloon railway car." I had barely spoken the words when a faint and muffled tintinnabulation struck my quick tympanum. It was an inspiration. It rapidly took practical form. I had discovered the wily Paul's method of holding communication with Pretoria. His reason for leaving Betty behind was obvious. The game was up. Again, the call bell rang with an impatient gg-r-r, yet Betty moved not. "Arn't you going to answer the bell?" I suggested. Thinking to throw me off the scent, Betty rose and left the room. This was my opportunity. I immediately rushed to the side of the room whence the tinkling sound proceeded. Pulling aside an artfully concealed panel in the wall disclosed the latest tape machine which was rapidly recording a message. It ran: "How's things with you? This Pullman is splendid. Quite a pic-nic. Botha sends love to his missis. Steyn awfully sulky. Couldn't you send me something to read." I seized the instrument and rattled off a reply. "Certainly! There's a chap here with a crimson and gold bound quarto volume containing the gathered precious heritage of wit and humour of the months of January to June inclusive, of the present year. I'll send him on to you. Where are you located?" Back came the reply in a jiffy. "West of Middleburg." "Bridge collapsed at——." Hearing sounds of someone returning, I destroyed all trace of telegraphic communication, reclosed the panel, and resumed my previous seat, when in came ponderous Betty, remarking, "There was nobody at the door." She had strayed from the path of Boer veracity and told the truth for once. She was right. Anxious to be off to Kruger, I dropped one of the volumes I had with me into Betty's big fat manuals and slipped away. I noticed she immediately opened the volume and smiled copiously. In the twinkling of an eye I was stepping into the railway saloon which contained Kruger. He seemed a bit surprised at my presence. I told him not to be alarmed. FUN always flew apace and was far-reaching. Space and kopjes presented no obstacle. Then I undid my parcel and presented him with my

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DUNVILLE
AST.
Wm Duane '99
1900

Containing a variety of useless and unreliable information.

1 M A Happy New Century to you all.
2 Tu **FUNDAY.** [Carnival, 1901.
3 W The Whirli-*gig* of Time discarded in favour of a Motor
4 Th "Honour Bright" taken, as its motto, by the Cobden Club, 1900. [the Isle of Dogs.
5 F Mr. Long becomes a Mussulman, and builds a Mosque in
6 S Belfast policemen first known as Orange Peelers, Y.U.
7 S Sunday—henceforward to be known as St. Cecilia's Day, by order of Mr. Robert Newman. [1900.
8 M "Go to Halifax!" first used as a Protestant objuration,
9 Tu **FUNDAY.** [known henceforth as Czardines.
10 W Fishy behaviour of Russia in Finland. Natives to be
11 Th Mr. Leonard Courtney elected President of the British Bores. [Dalliance, 1899.
12 F Earl of Crewe born, 1858; takes the Primrose Path of
13 S The Sultan of Turkey deposed 1903; exiled to Allah-la-
14 S St. Cecilia's Day. [bad, 1904.
15 M "Hot *Coppers*, or wetting his (police) whistle"—a farce by
16 Tu **FUNDAY.** [Sir W. Lawson, prod'd at Drury Lane, 1901.
17 W Colleen Bawn, 1867. [same year.
18 Th Poly Carp married John Dorey, 1501. Ann Chovey died
19 F Sudden rise of Kaffirs—Alarm of Stock Exchange—Kaffirs destroyed by Wild Bears, 1900. [mered, 1900.
20 S Bull fight at Capel Court—Three Bulls mercilessly ham-
21 S St. Cecilia's Day.
22 M The Zodiac as seen by a Kodiak makes Signs to us, 1900.
23 Tu **FUNDAY.** [Machine, 1900.
24 W Professor Tobasco starts for the Zodiac on his Flying
25 Th Startling discoveries in the Zodiac. Very theatrical behaviour of the Fixed Stars, 1901.
26 F Firearms invented, 1340. Wooden legs invented, 1341.
27 S Parr's Bank robbed, 1899; Marr strongly suspected.
28 S St. Cecilia's Day
29 M The County Council orders landscape gardening to be carried out in the London Parks. Rum Shrubs for the
30 Tu **FUNDAY.** [people, 1900.
31 W The Young Pretender d., 1788. Oom Paul born.

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1 Th Mr. John Morley intending to reside at *Rot-ter-dam* practises the language on all occasions.
2 F Candlemas Day. Master (Mathew White) Ridley burnt in effigy by the English Church Union.
3 S Marquis of Salisbury born, 1830. Goes on the War Path
4 S St. Cecilia's Day. [1899.
5 M Victoria Cross instituted, 1856. Presented to Steadman, M.P., for the courage he displayed when defending
6 Tu **FUNDAY.** [Kruger in Trafalgar Square, 1899.
7 W Charles Dickens born, 1812.
8 Th Sir Edward Clarke becomes a Quaker, and is known as Our Candid "Friend," 1900.
9 F Sir Edward Clarke and Mr. Leonard Courtney retire to a Cave of their own construction, 1900.
10 S Awful noises are heard in the Cave—the occupants supposed to be discussing the personal appearance of Mr.
11 S St. Cecilia's Day. [Chamberlain.
12 M Massacre of Glencoe, 1691—Battle of Glencoe, October, 1899. "Up with the bonnets of bonnie Dundee."
13 Tu **FUNDAY.**
14 W Mr. Leonard Courtney adopts for his motto, "Vox Courtn'y, Vox Dei," and first known as Valentine Vox, 1900.
15 Th Li Hung Chang born, 1823. Tells his first Li, 1824. Hung (date not fixed).
16 F President Faure died, 1899. M. Deroulède's farce, "Permettez les toutes de venir," produced 1899.
17 S Bows and arrows go out of use, 1500. Gin slings invented
18 S St. Cecilia's Day. [same year.
19 M Battle of Tokar, 1891. Battle of Moto-Kar, 1991.
20 Tu **FUNDAY.** [English Church, 1830.
21 W Cardinal Newman born, 1801. Revival of learning in the
22 Th Sydney Smith died, 1845. The Editor of *Fun* carries on the business, 1900.
23 F General Mercier arrested on suspicion of being a spy in the pay of a Peruvian syndicate, 1900.
24 S General Mercier, protesting vehemently, thrown into
25 S St. Cecilia's Day, [prison. Paris herself again.
26 M For reasons of State, General Mercier tried secretly. Secret dossier published by *Le Petit Journal*.
27 Tu **FUNDAY.** [book, escapes from Paris.
28 W Paty du Clam, disguised in blue spectacles and a hymn-

F.A. and F.A.

I.

In the brumal months of slush and mud,
Fogs, gales, or rains, or snows, our blood
(Despite our British hardihood)
Would make attempts abortive
To rightly warm the harassed frame,
Were our hearts at times not set aflame
By acclaiming some rare British game
Like the football-feud so sportive.

Mark, for example, to what delights
Each several action in all the fights
For the English Challenge Cup incites
Many thousands through the nation;
And let us own that we ne'er can pay
The debt we owe, for diversions gay,
To the brave F.A.—which is to say,
The Football Association!

II.

In the brumal months, when lamp and gas
Are long ere tea-time lit, alas!
And the evening hours as slowly pass
As express-trains Continental,
We have kindly thoughts for the Comic Press,
Whose wags are competent, more or less,
To relieve the stress of our weariness
By humorous banquets mental!

And, at times like these, old Father FUN
Is a sort of psychical hot cross bun;
And he blushes scarlet, as everyone
Overwhelms him with approbation.
For he hears no end of admirers say
That a mental warmth (like the sun's in May)
Is spread by F.A.—which is to say,
FUN ALMANAC—through the nation!

MOLLY.

THERE'S an old familiar spot,
By the busy world forgot,
Where the blackbird pipes his carol in the holly,
Where the woodbine loves to climb,
And it's always summer-time—
At least 'tis always so for me and Molly.

Molly fairest,
Sweetest, rarest,
Tender, good, and true,
While the green is on the holly,
You will love me, won't you, Molly?
And I shall love but you.

'Tis a cottage all alone,
With gay climbers over-grown,
And our neighbours are the throstle and the linnet,
It is pretty as can be,
But its greatest charm for me,
Is the gentle girl who waits for me within it.

When the busy day is o'er,
And she meets me at the door,
How her eyes light up with constancy unswerving;
And I marvel much to see,
Such devotion all for me,
And I vow she'll never find me undeserving.

Molly, fairest,
Sweetest, rarest,
Tender, good, and true,
While the green is on the holly,
You will love me, won't you, Molly?
And I shall love but you.

SUITABLE.

Binks.—"Do you think we could persuade your mother-in-law to join us in any Christmas fun, Satupon?"

Satupon.—"Well, considering she's a snappy she-dragon, I dare say she would join in snap-dragon."

"UNDER THE MISTLETOE."

ENTER THE ELDEST MISS SNAWKER.

ENTER THE YOUNGEST MISS TOOTS.

Containing a variety of useless and unreliable information.

1 Th Gallant little Wales discovered by Sir William Harcourt, who invents the national dish, "Cockaleekie," Y.U.
2 F Information reached England that Mahdi's body had been thrown in the Nile. Crocodile's tears by Mr. Morley, 1899.
3 S Pope Leo XIII. born, 1810; joins the English Church Union
4 S St. Cecilia's Day. [1900.
5 M Irish Party shocked to hear of Mahdi's outrage, 1899. Old lady moonlighted in Tipperary same day.
6 Tu **FUNDAY.** [1899.
7 W Mahdi's body becomes the Liberal cry at bye-elections,
8 Th Mr. Cecil Rhodes joins the Salvation Army, and known as the "converted raider," 1899. [dent Kruger, 1899.
9 F Mr. Rhodes visits Germany on business. Horror of Presi-
10 S The Colossus of Rhodes made (at home) in Germany, by
11 S St. Cecilia's Day. [the Kaiser, 1899.
12 M Strange news from Greenwich Observatory. Something evidently wrong with the Solar system, 1900.
13 Tu **FUNDAY.** [lovingly over China.
14 W The Great Bear apparently in the ascendant, hangs
15 Th The "sign" Leo, leaves the Zodiac hurriedly and springs at the Great Bear. [and denounces Leo.
16 F Mr. Leonard Courtney buys a handbook on astronomy
17 S St. Patrick invents Whisky, and sees snakes, Y.U.
18 S St. Cecilia's Day.
19 M Sir Francis Drake born, Y.U.; takes to the water like a
20 Tu **FUNDAY.** [duck, same year.
21 W General Mercier found guilty of nothing in particular, with extenuating circumstances, 1900.
22 Th Mercier publicly degraded and exiled to Panama.
23 F M. Guerin writes a long letter, entitled "Je s'accuse," and demands Revision.
24 S Paris more herself than ever. Awful scenes.
25 S St. Cecilia's Day.
26 M Duke of Cambridge born, 1819. Young as ever, 1899.
27 Tu **FUNDAY.**
28 W General Strike of seamen declared. Havelock Wilson harangues two cabin boys in Trafalgar Square, 1900.
29 Th Seamen's strike; great enthusiasm at Brighton. Longshoremen confident of success.
30 F Disgraceful behaviour of great shipping firms. Decline to arbitrate, and continue their service. [4d. per month
31 S Excitement at Glasgow; two sailors sign at an advance of

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1 S St. Cecilia's Day.
2 M Richard Cobden died, 1865. Agriculture died, same year.
3 Tu **FUNDAY.** [Britons, 55 B.C.
4 W Julius Cæsar lands at Dover an-Doverthrows the ancient
5 Th Julius Cæsar enthusiastically welcomed by Little Englanders. [chief of the Protestantes, takes up arms.
6 F On hearing that Julius Cæsar is a Roman, Kensitimus,
7 S Old Lady Day. The Great Bloomer Question, "Where
8 S St. Cecilia's Day. [shall we dine?" first asked, 1899.
9 M The Great Bloomer Question answered, "In the tap-
10 Tu **FUNDAY.** [room," 1899.
11 W Hilary Law Sittings end. Hilarious behaviour of Q.C.'s, old Antics and new antics.
12 Th Cæsar in one great battle overthrows the Protestantes, and Kensitimus goes over to Rome, protesting as he goes.
13 F Kensitimus preaches in the Forum, B.C. 54. The Romans decide to slay Cæsar for bringing him over.
14 S Kensitimus thrown to the lions—the lions throw him
15 S St. Cecilia's Day. [back, B.C. 53.
16 M Kensitimus substituted for Lions. Evildoers thrown to
17 Tu **FUNDAY.** [him. Rome becomes a model town, B.C. 52.
18 W "The Gay Lord Quex" denounced by Ecclesiastical authorities. Standing room only, 1899. [out of it, 1900.
19 Th Sudden general gaiety of English Dramatists. France
20 F "The Sprightly Lady Corncutter" produced at the *Lyceum*, 1900. [office.
21 S Two Bishops crushed to death in the *Lyceum* booking
22 S St. Cecilia's Day.
23 M St. George's Day. Mr. John Morley and Mr. Leonard Courtney rend each other's clothes and throw ashes at
24 Tu **FUNDAY.** [each other.
25 W "The Giddy Marquess of Margate" produced at *Her Majesty's*. [blocked nightly.
26 Th All seats booked for four years in advance. Haymarket
27 F W. C. Macready died, 1873. Wilson Barrett carries on the business, 1900.
28 S Mrs. Grundy gives up the theatres in despair and spends
29 S St. Cecilia's day. [her evenings at the Tivoli.
30 M Sir John Lubbock born, 1834. Invents early closing, 1885.

"FUN'S" COURSE OF TRUE LOVE FOR DEVOUT LOVERS.

JANUARY:—ON THE ICE.

Across the ice we watched her race,
No form was ever fair as her's;
A dream of blooming health and grace,
A modern Venus draped in furs.
She cried: "What! Fun?" We said: "No, Love!"
And then, defying Winter's rigour,
We flew together, hand in glove,
And cut a very pretty figure!

FEBRUARY:—ST. VALENTINE.

Poetic use of pen and ink,
And sweet and tender rhymes,
Is out of date, our maidens think,
In these prosaic times.
No "loves," no "doves"; for dainty gloves
Our modern maidens pine!
Be it our boast, we sent a most
Expensive Valentine!

MARCH:—IN A GALE.

We met to-day: the North Wind blew,
And roughly played among her curls—
The North Wind knows a thing or two,
And always romps with pretty girls.
"How dare he treat her so?" we cried—
To see a rival always rankles—
But we forgave him when we spied
Her waving skirts and dainty ankles.

APRIL:—DURING A SHOWER.

Though Nature wept, we did not weep;
We were not in a weeping vein;
Instead we murmured joyous, deep,
And heartfelt blessings on the rain.
For we were there and she was there,
And we may mention, *entre nous*,
The wettest day seems passing fair
When one umbrella shelters two!

MAY:—IN THE PARK.

The touch of Spring was on the trees,
All nature smiled, serene, benign—
And from the South a fitful breeze
Came rippling down the Serpentine!
The scented Lilac took the air
Where drooped Laburnum's golden bunch;
And we were walking briskly there,
To get an appetite for lunch.

JUNE:—AT A DANCE.

Who gave that dance? We quite forget!
But whether Smith, or Brown, or Jones,
The scene we can remember yet,
All nodding palms—and chaperones;
That ante-room divinely planned,
With heavy curtains screened about;
Where, to the Blue Hungarian Band,
We sat a dozen dances out.

JULY:—UP THE RIVER.

A plash of oars, boat gliding slow,
Larks shouting love beyond the cloud,
And, from afar, a murmur low
Which told us of the Henley crowd.
Brave company was there maybe,
With wit and song; but—*quantum suff*—
Such company is none, you see,
When two is company enough!

AUGUST:—ON A YACHT.

No Viking of the mighty past
Bore off a maiden sweet as this!
O eyes alluringly downcast!
O lips half puckered to a kiss!
Sea breezes blowing on one's brow
Life's prosy cares soon overwhelm;
With Youth (and Beauty) at the prow,
There must be Pleasure at the helm!

SEPTEMBER:—BY THE SEA.

White crested waves caress the shore
With laughing leaps of careless grace;
Though spurned, returning evermore
For one last passionate embrace.
So we, if scorned by her we praise,
Would still return to her dear side,
And wait for more auspicious days
To bear her off on Love's high tide!

OCTOBER:—PICKING BLACKBERRIES.

Across the hills the Autumn came,
A mellow giant made for mirth;
And all the woodland was aflame,
And golden leaves bestrewed the earth—
We met her in a woodland dell,
Hands stained and scratched with fruit and thorn,
We kissed her hands and made them well,
And blessed the day that we were born!

NOVEMBER:—IN A FOG.

"We've lost our way, but never mind;
For Time was made for slaves, they say!—
But we're Love's slaves, and Love is blind!—
Ah, Love can always find a way!—
How thick it grows, this floating frost!
What matters that, my love, my own?
For we can count the way well lost,
So that we two are here alone!"

DECEMBER:—AT A CHILDREN'S PARTY

At blindman's buff the children play,
And strive to catch whom catch they can,
With shrieks of laughter fresh and gay—
The child is father of the man!
For we have also played the game,
Love veiled our eyes, and all was fair!
See faults who will, be this our aim,
Love's blinding bandage still to wear!

FUN IN BRIEF.

Right-about face.—A female beauty.

A Mouth Organ.—The tongue.

A lover sometimes "speaks up according to his *sighs*."

Bacchus (back us) ought to be the racehorses' god.

The Inner Man.—A cannibal's meal.

A man who has a *Rough* life of it.—An East End policeman.

Hard to get rid of.—A hard corn.

A "DIG."

Boaster.—"I think I shall winter in the South of France."

Sinik.—"Yes, I don't suppose your creditors will follow you there."

UNCLE BOFFINS WAS DELIGHTED WITH HIS NEW STEAM MOTOR SLEIGH—

UNTIL HE STAYED TOO LONG ON ONE SPOT—CAUSING A THAW, WITH THE ABOVE RESULT.

THE COMPROMISE.

A BALLAD OF UNUTTERABLE DESPAIR.

Now that I have learnt my fate,—
Learnt by one complete rejection,
Thou can'st ne'er reciprocate
My intense immense affection—
I would ask that, in event
Of any accidental meeting,
Thou my presence would'st resent
By a cold and haughty greeting!

REFRAIN.

For oh, my heart is filled with grief!
With a hopeless love I prize thee!
Give—Oh, give me some relief,—
Teach me to despise thee, dearest!
Teach me to despise thee!

As I must no longer bask
In the sunlight of thy beauty,
Darling! I would humbly ask
Thou would'st take it as a duty
In my presence to suppress
Some of thy inherent goodness,
And, thy grace and gentleness,
Hide, the while, in scorn and rudeness!

(REFRAIN.)

And I pray thee, for my sake,
When I'm absent from thy sneering,
Spiteful observations make,
So that they will reach my hearing!
Sweetest! 'tis a huge request:
Yet would'st thou adopt this fashion,
I should soon have peace and rest,
With an ever-vanquished passion!

(REFRAIN.)

FUN'S FUNNY CALENDAR for 1900

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1 Tu **FUNDAY.** [by the management of the Empire, 1900.
2 W Presidents Steyn and Kruger engaged as comic duettist
3 Th "Oh, that we two were Maying," with variations, encored nightly. [Life, disguised and by night, 1900.
4 F Messrs. Hofmeyer and Schreiner retire from Public
5 S Two Double Dutch Knockabouts appear at the Tivoli, 1901.
6 S St. Cecilia's Day. [an evening newspaper, 1900.
7 M Dr. Leyds gives up diplomacy and becomes "tipster" to
8 Tu **FUNDAY.** [tric Orbits observed, 1900.
9 W Remarkable news from Greenwich Observatory. Eccen-
10 Th Sudden re-appearance of Ibsen, or the Great North Star.
11 F Signs from the Zodiac. Sagittarius very agitated.
12 S The star "Spectator" declares that all other luminaries
13 S St. Cecilia's Day. [are eclipsed.
14 M Indignation of "Phœbus." North Star severely slated.
15 Tu **FUNDAY.** [German music shall be heard, 1900.
16 W The Royal Italian Opera Company decide that only
17 Th Mr. John Morley and Mr. Leonard Courtney decide to live in separate "Caves." Two's company—*sometimes*.
18 F Czar of Russia born, 1868. Arranges the Peace Conference, 1899. [same Peace.
19 S "Thirty Years' War" starts 1900—Everybody wants the
20 S St. Cecilia's Day. [land on a Peace Crusade.
21 M Mr. John Morley and Mr. Leonard Courtney go to Fin-
22 Tu **FUNDAY.** [Empire," published 1900.
23 W Mr. W. T. Stead's great work, "Confound the British
24 Th General Mercier ordered home from Panama for new trial, 1900. [he is.
25 F General Mercier wires that he would rather stop where
26 S The Isle of Man declares that it is a Sovereign State within the meaning of the Act, 1900.
27 S St. Cecilia's Day.
28 M Mr. Hall Caine, First President of the Manx Republic, refers Government to the Peace Conference, and offers
29 Tu **FUNDAY.** [to arbitrate.
30 W Mr. John Morley wires from Finland—"The Isle of Man always has been independent. No suzerain!"
31 Th Mr. Leonard Courtney wires—"Why quarrel about a word? If a 'Speaker' wanted, I know the man!"

A BAD GUESS.

My love and I have had a "tiff"
About a little thing,
She said that she would marry if
I would purchase the ring.
I bought it. When she tried it on,
She frowned, and I looked glum—
The ring would loosely go upon
Her very biggest thumb.

"I thought," she said, in angry tones,
"That you my measure took?"
"I did," I owned, with sundry groans,
"But lost it in some book;
And so I had to guess the size."
She did my speech suspect,
Then hissed, with temper in her eyes,
"I'd like to (w)ring your neck!"

A QUAINT CONTRETEMPS.

Two prudish old maids of the type termed severe,
A photographer's studio entered, and said,
"They wished to be taken," and please to note here,
That of French or of German they knew not a shred.

The artist replied with his *courtliest* smile,
So the trouble, no doubt, from *his accent* arose—
"Shall I photograph you in our everyday style,
Or would you prefer to be taken '*en pose?*'"

One old maid gasped, "My! is *that* the new fashion?
"No! no! we prefer to be taken *on chairs*."
But the elder one shrieked, her lip quivering with passion,
"Let's get out of this," and they hurried downstairs.

THE NEW WOMAN AND THE OLD WOMAN.

Notwithstanding the clamour that has attended the advent of the New Woman, is she, after all, so very different to the Old Woman? We opine not, save in her costume and a few habits of a masculine tendency.

The New Woman, like the Old Woman, shrieks at the sight of a mouse, hammers her thumb-nail with misdirected skill, and if she attempts to throw at any mark, only hits the thing that she doesn't aim at. Then, she is not blind to the beauty of a new bonnet, nor the style of the latest Parisian-cut gown; neither is she dead to the delights of shopping, and she scents a bargain with all the sleuth-hound keenness of the Old Woman. Nor do we think that she would turn up her nose at a pearl necklace or a diamond ring simply because she is a New Woman. And does she not think her baby "the sweetest and darlingest little angel that was ever born," just like her sister, the Old Woman?

Again, she falls in love in the same sweet old way, and displays her jealousy in the same sour old way, and when upset derives intense relief from shedding a copious flood of tears. Then the New Woman consults her looking-glass with as much assiduity as the Old Woman does, and she does her best to cultivate whatever charms she may possess, so as to arouse the envy of her sisters—Old or New—and attract man's attention.

In fact, the New Woman is only a revised edition of the Old Woman, brought up to date, but whether the revision is an improvement on the old edition (the dear old edition that we men have so often kissed and fondled!) is a matter of opinion. But, do or say as she will, the New Woman is still a woman, and, whether Old or New, man will continue to worship the sex, as he has done from time immemorial.

HER IDOL.

Daughter (*sentimentally*).—"I've found my idol, pa."

Pa (*growlingly*).—"Yes, he certainly is an idle young scamp!"

EASY ENOUGH WHEN YOU KNOW HOW.

Gertie (to her Friend).—"I'm going to make a bit by stage dancing. Look! I could do it if they would only give me a start at some theatre!" (*Five seconds later picture undrawable!*)

Governess.—"Now, Charley, oughtn't you to be very much obliged to the cow for the milk she gives you every morning?"
Charley.—"Oh, I dunno! After all, she has no use for it herself!"

FUN'S FUNNY CALENDAR for 1900.

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1 F Army Corps sent to Isle of Man; delight of Hotel Keepers, Publicans, etc.
2 S] Sir Edward Clarke denounces the Government. And declares that the invasion of Isle of Man is a blot on
3 S St. Cecilia's Day, [civilisation.
4 M The Isle of Man having obtained the Army Corps' spare
5 Tu **FUNDAY.** [cash, capitulates.
6 W General Mercier retried at Boulogne; great excitement.
7 Th Mercier trial—verdict: "Not guilty, with extenuating circumstances."
8 F Mercier receives a free pardon, and requested to leave his country, for his country's good.
9 S M. Zola, disgusted with the verdict, fortifies his house and
10 S St. Cecilia's Day. [defies the police.
11 M M. Zola besieged. Paris delirious, and quite herself,
12 Tu **FUNDAY.** [thank you.
13 W The police order M. Zola to surrender. M. Zola threatens to read "*La Terre*" to them. [morality.
14 Th Police withdrawn by Government in the interests of
15 F Sir Edward Clarke visits Plymouth. Awful scenes, 1900.
16 S Sir Edward Clarke called upon to resign. He declines, and says that the people of Plymouth will learn to love
17 S St. Cecilia's Day. [him yet.
18 M The entire population of Plymouth summoned for using
19 Tu **FUNDAY.** [bad language.
20 W "Long to reign over us, God Save the Queen!"
21 Th Sir Campbell-Bannerman, after "sitting on the fence" for prolonged period, gets down on wrong side, 1901.
22 F Rider Haggard born, 1856. Governor of South Africa, 1901.
23 S The Leadership of the Liberal Party put up for auction.
24 S St. Cecilia's Day. [Bought in for a fiver.
25 M Lord Rosebery attends a meeting of Nonconformists, and delivers by mistake a speech prepared for Gim-
26 Tu **FUNDAY.** [crack Club, 1900.
27 W Mass meeting of Nonconformists to discuss Monday's outrage.
28 Th It appears that, mislead by their erstwhile leader, two well-known preachers have backed the wrong horse.
29 F Lord Rosebery attends Gimcrack Club, and delivers speech meant for Nonconformists.
30 S Lord Rosebery becomes a Conservative.

THE MAGISTRATE'S KINDNESS.

Magistrate.—"Twenty-one days without the option of a fine."

Prisoner.—"But, your worship, that means I shall spend Christmas Day in prison."

Magistrate.—"Yes."

Prisoner.—"Make it a fine, your worship; it's too bad to do me out of my Christmas dinner. Why, I've invited a lot of friends to dine with me."

Magistrate.—"No, I cannot alter my decision."

Prisoner.—"Then I call it brutal—depriving me of my Christmas cheer!"

Magistrate.—"I don't call it brutal; in fact, rather kindness on my part. If I let you off with a fine you would probably make yourself ill with over-eating and drinking on Christmas Day, but you wont get a chance of doing so in prison!"

WHAT IT LEADS TO.

"HAVE you brought home the mistletoe, James?" asked Mrs. Muchmarrid of her husband a day or two before Christmas.

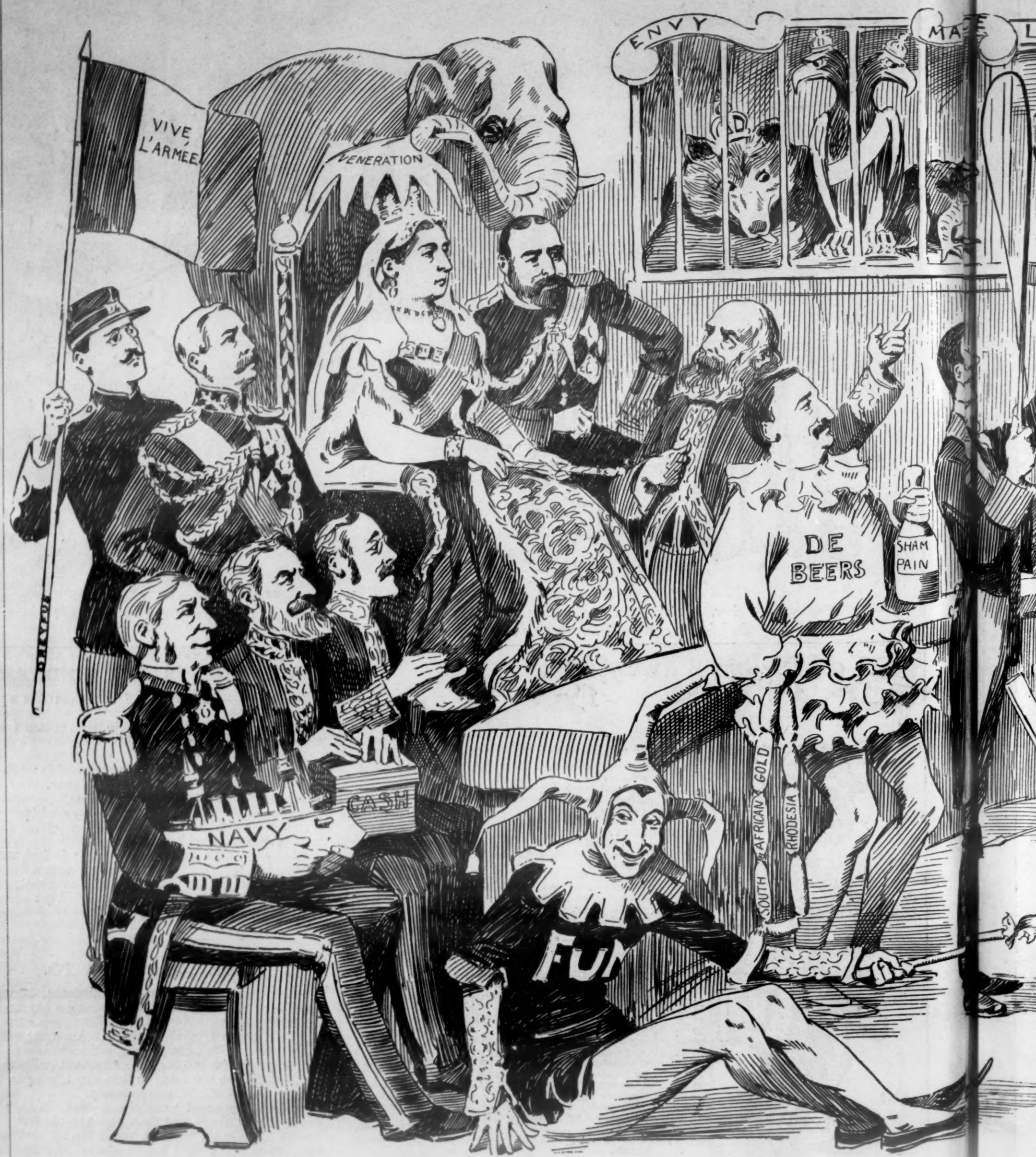
"No, I haven't," growled Mr. Muchmarrid; "and I don't intend to bring any home, either."

"Why not?" asked Mrs. M., somewhat indignantly.

"Because I'm not going to have any kissing in this house," replied Mr. M. emphatically.

"What nonsense!" exclaimed Mrs. M. "The young people like it, and there's no harm in it."

"No harm in it!" almost yelled Mr. M. "There's every harm in it! If I hadn't started kissing you, I should never have married you. I tell you, kissing—and that's what the confounded mistletoe leads to—is the first step to the gallows—I mean marriage!"



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FUN'S FUNNY CALENDAR for 1900.

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1 S St. Cecilia's Day.
2 M Paterfamilias gets his sea-legs ship-shape and puts [sea-side on.
3 Tu **FUNDAY.**
4 W Margate herself again. Visitors "hold the Fort." While the children "shell the sands."
5 Th Cecil Rhodes born, 1853. Starts a new apple-cart, 1899.
6 F Brighton Piers and Bournemouth Pines for the annual immigration.
7 S Messrs. Morley and Courtney with Sir Edward Clarke take a House Boat at Henley.
8 S St. Cecilia's Day.
9 M Messrs. Morley, etc., give a tea party to their admirers. No arrivals. So they admire each other.
10 Tu **FUNDAY.**
11 W John Calvin born, 1509. Lord Halifax writes his [biography, 1900.
12 Th Old Man Dewey, President of the United States, 1901.
13 F Walter H. Long born, 1854. Composes "Daddy wouldn't buy me a Bow-wow," 1891.
14 S Dewey not satisfied with the Philippines, wants Samoa. [1901.
15 S St. Cecilia's Day.
16 M St. Swithin. Annual drought sets in. Delight of [County Council.
17 Tu **FUNDAY.**
18 W Germany informs Dewey that Samoa would be too much.
19 Th Dewey remarks that German Flags are cheap—and takes Samoa.
20 F Turkey declares that Montenegro's blacker than it's [painted, 1901.
21 S Revival of the Great Eastern Question:—"To be or not
22 S St. Cecilia's Day.
23 M Duke of Devonshire born, 1833. "Kind nature's sweet [to be?" 1901.
24 Tu **FUNDAY.**
25 W Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour born, 1848. Has philosophic [restorer, balmy sleep."
doubts as to cricket being superior to golf, 1899.
26 Th Messrs. Morley, Courtney, and Sir Edward Clarke return to town sadder but wiser men.
27 F Mr. Courtney asked to resign by his constituents. Conscientiously declines, 1900.
28 S Mr. Morley offers to give free lectures on "History and
29 S St. Cecilia's Day.
30 M Sir Edward Clarke has a fortune in Chartereds left him [how to distort it." No takers.
by an admirer, and retires into private life, 1901.
31 Tu **FUNDAY.**

EGGS-ACTLY SO.

A Plea for Phonetic Spelling.

An eggs-cited and eggs-asperated hen met an eggs-tremely eggs-cellent hen of her acquaintance, and thus eggs-claimed:—

"Our housekeeper is an eggs-acting and eggs-orbitant person. She actually eggs-pects me to lay eggs-traordinary eggs of an eggs-travagant size, and, I assure you, my dear friend, if I do so, eggs-istence will not be worth having, I shall become eggs-hausted and eggs-tinct, like the Dodo."

And her friend replied—

"Eggs-cellent; you lay down the law eggs-ceedingly like an eggs-pert eggs-judge, and our housekeeper should certainly be eggs-pelled and eggs-punged from polite society."

She eggs-tended her claw in an eggs-clamatory way, like an eggs-ecrable lawyer, and both hens departed, eggs-tolling each others virtues, and eggs-ceedingly proud of themselves, and so made their eggs-sit.

MISTY.

Poet.—"I dashed this poem off one moonlight night, sir."

Editor (after reading it).—"It reads more as if it had been dashed off one foggy night."

HEREDITARY.

Tramp (to lady).—"Will you kindly 'elp me, mum? I'm very badly off."

Lady.—"Why don't you work?"

Tramp.—"It runs in the family, mum; me father and grandfather was both Government clerks."

Sunday School Teacher.—"And what did Noah see after the Flood?"
Jimmy Jones (promptly).—"Puddles, teacher."

FORMS OF ADDRESS.

To the Judge	Your Lord-ship.
,, ,, Miser	Your Hoard-ship.
,, ,, Ferryman	Your Ford-ship.
,, ,, Lodging-house Keeper.	Your Board-ship.
,, ,, Executioner	Your Cord-ship.
,, ,, Duellist	Your Sword-ship.
,, ,, Pugilist	Your Floored-ship.
,, ,, Chancery Infant ..	Your Ward-ship.
,, ,, Toreador	Your Gored-ship.
,, ,, Blasé Roué	Your Bored-ship.
,, ,, Flying Machinist ..	Your Soared-ship.
,, ,, Billiard Player ..	Your Scored-ship.
,, ,, Stevedore..	Your Stored-ship.
,, ,, Gold Finder	Your Ored-ship.
,, ,, Jack Tar in Port ..	Your Shored-ship.
,, ,, Sluggard	Your Snored-ship.
,, ,, 'Varsity Boatman ..	Your Oared-ship.
,, ,, Vox Populi	Your Roared-ship.
,, ,, Watered-Silk Weaver	Your Moired-ship.
,, ,, Good Rhine Wine..	Your Poured-ship.
,, ,, Nonentity	Your Ignored-ship.
,, ,, Guardian Angel ..	Your Implored-ship.
,, ,, Successful Actor ..	Your Encored-ship.
,, ,, North Pole	Your Explored-ship.
,, ,, Prince of Darkness	Your Abhorred-ship.
,, ,, Daughter of Eve ..	Your Adored-ship.

ANSWERED,

Mr. Prosy.—"What are you going to be when you grow up, my little man?"

The Little Man.—"Not such a fool as to ask little boys questions that they can't answer."

FACT.

Mamma (solemnly).—"Freddy, do you know if you are so naughty you will not go to heaven?"

Freddy (resigned).—"Oh! well, I went to the circus and the pantomime last week, and I can't expect to go everywhere!"

ROMANTIC—VERY.

"May I have the pleasure of the next dance, Miss New Yorker? Or, are you full up?"

"Well, I haven't neglected the refreshments, but I guess I'm not too full to waltz with you, anyhow."

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1 W Great American Cup Race commenced, 1900.
2 Th Old Lady of Threadneedle Street born, 1732. Good as gold ever since. [miles from home.
3 F Terrific speed of the rival yachts, two days at it, and ten
4 S Yachts commence to drift back to starting point. Race
5 S St. Cecilia's Day. [declared off.
6 M Captain of English yacht declares that finer sailing than
7 Tu **FUNDAY.** [his rival's was never seen.
8 W American yacht bends her new gaff and splices her jib-boom. [adjusting her slacks.
9 Th English yacht retaliates by bursting her stays and
10 F Wild enthusiasm in yachting circles. Bets even.
11 S Cup race in full swing. No wind, but yachts drifting
12 S St. Cecilia's Day. [beautifully.
13 M Cup race nearly over—sudden squall—both disappear—
14 Tu **FUNDAY.** [no lives lost.
15 W Reform Bill passed, 1867; Government by chance majority, tempered by permanent officials. [start all over again.
16 Th The American Cup Racers decide to buy new boats and
17 F Owner of English yacht says, "Finer sportsman than my rival never lived."
18 S Owner of American yacht says, "You're another." Wild
19 S St. Cecilia's Day. [enthusiasm.
20 M England and America declare an offensive and defensive
21 Tu **FUNDAY.** [alliance, on a basis of yacht racing.
22 W Mr. Chamberlain takes charge of the Foreign Office, 1900.
23 Th Crisis in China. Mr. Chamberlain publishes dispatches.
24 F Our representative's views, as published, give Russia a pleasant surprise.
25 S Count Muravieff protests. Mr. Chamberlain explains that "trust in the people" is his motto, and that he
26 S St. Cecilia's Day. [lives up to it.
27 M Russia declines to discuss matters. Mr. Chamberlain
28 Tu **FUNDAY.** [discusses by himself.
29 W Several Army Corps sent out to China with two Flying Squadrons.
30 Th Count Muravieff says he never heard of such a thing.
31 F Mr. Chamberlain explains that he is simply death on Peace. Muravieff apologises. Crisis over.

THE DRESSMAKER.

She stitches and "cuts out" till, p'r'ps,
She's a "stitch" in her side;
A *pattern* to the lazy ones
Who honest work deride.

She does her best to *get a fit*,
Although she wants *good health*,
For 'tis on *figures* that she *counts*
To make a little wealth.

If customers should "jacket" her
About a misfit *gown*,
She quickly can retaliate,
For she can "*dress* them down"!

To "take in" and "let out's" her work—
When "taken in" herself
She "lets out" with a vengeance,
For she wants her hard-earned pelf!

No doubt, "the needle" she oft has
When tasting this world's woe,
For her life, even at its best,
Must only *seam sew-saw*.

KICKED HIM.

He kissed her 'neath the mistletoe,
Her father saw him do it,
And said, "Young man, I'd have you know
Unless you go you'll rue it."
But the young man was very slow,
So the old man said, "'Mizzle'-toe!"

FUN'S FUNNY CALENDAR for 1900.

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1 S "It is a beautiful day, let us go and kill something."
2 S St. Cecilia's Day.
3 M Omdurman fell 1898. Khalifa retires exclaiming, "Om-
4 Tu **FUNDAY.** [durman they're after."
5 W Khalifa heard to remark, "I can't stand a Kitchener—much too hot for the desert." [1900.
6 Th American Cup Races again on. Delirious enthusiasm.
7 F American Yacht takes in ballast, and her rival has to give 58 seconds. Rival says, "Make it a minute!" Delight of everybody. [capstan.
8 S English Yacht bends her top-gallant and breaks her
9 S St. Cecilia's Day. [and hangs on.
10 M Cup Race begins. English Yacht reaches to the offing,
11 Tu **FUNDAY.** [to view.
12 W American Yacht sailing south in a dense fog, is lost
13 Th Captain Bob Evans fires on German man-of-war for obstructing the Atlantic.
14 F New style invented, 1752, by Richard Le Gallienne.
15 S Both yachts lost in fog—race declared off. Search
16 S St. Cecilia's Day. [parties organised.
17 M Striking effects of the new diplomacy. Mr. Chamberlain
18 Tu **FUNDAY.** [publishes Turkish Ambassador's dispatches.
19 W The Sultan, on reading dispatches, goes into convulsions.
20 Th The Sublime Porte draws up a report on the British Ambassador, and publishes it. [libel.
21 F The British Ambassador sues the Sublime Porte for
22 S Sultan claims moral and intellectual damages from
23 S St. Cecilia's Day. [Mr. Chamberlain.
24 M The Millennium in sight. International questions henceforward to be decided by Queen's Bench or its
25 Tu **FUNDAY.** [equivalent, as actions for libel.
26 W The Holy Alliance, 1815. Mr. Kensit visits Dr. Parker, 1900. [of Russia, 1899.
27 Th The Transvaal declares it is a Sovereign State. Delight
28 F Finland declares its Sovereignty, and denies Russia's Suzerainty. [map, 1900.
29 S Fearful indignation in Russia—Finland wiped off the
30 S St. Cecilia's Day.

ON THE WANE.

I.

It was in the fragnant hay-time
(Mem.—this follows after May-time.)
And the wain with hay stacked high,
Jolting heavily, passed by
Down the lane.
Oh, it was a goodly load
That was moving down the road,
On the hay were perched two lovers,
Sitting on tarpaulin covers,
On the *wain*.

II.

Time has passed (no doubt you've noted
To that habit Time's devoted),
Courtship's golden days are dead,
And the blushing maid is wed
To her swain;
But their marriage chime's a jangle,
And their life's a constant wrangle,
Hymen such a tricksy elf is,
Much we fear Love now himself is
On the *wane*!

A COMMON COMPLAINT.

Beggar.—"Will yer kindly 'elp me, sir, I'm werry ill?"
Gentleman.—"What's the matter with you?"
Beggar.—"Over-eatin' an' drinkin' this festive season, sir."

OH, LAW!

What is the difference between a generous man and a lawyer?—One always has his hand in his own pocket, and the other always has his hand in somebody else's pocket.

A BLANKETY-BLANK POEM.

By a Hater of ——.

Oh, may I ne'er again kiss lass
If I mention that word ——;
And my brain must indeed be murky
To think of such a thing as ——;
And it would be most arrant folly
To tell you all about the ——;
And won't you find it a relief
If I steer clear of hated ——?
And may I go unto the deuce
If I describe the awful ——;
And may some wild-beast my bones scrunch
Should I but give a thought to ——;
And I deserve the utmost woe
Should I refer to ——;
And may my life be groans and sighs
Should my pen write about —— ——;
And I myself my neck could wring
If I wrote in praise of ——;
And I ought to get many knocks
If I mentioned a —— ——;
And may most unkind be the Fates
If I crack up the howling ——!
Of course, you can fill in the blanks,
But don't expect to get *my* thanks.

EVERY LITTLE MAKES A MICKLE.

Little bills breed horrid ills,
Little girls are fond of frills,
Little pains need liver pills,
Little thieves run whisky stills,
All these littles—only tittles,
Make one's life a bore.

Little bills too soon increase,
Little girls destroy one's peace,
Little pills don't make pains cease,
Little stills invite police,
Life is not all beer and skittles
Now—nor evermore.

SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINED.

Mistress.—"Jane, what is this I see here in my kitchen?"
Jane (the Cook).—"Sorry, mum, but soljers is so scarce now I've got to put up with a militiaman."

A DISTINCTION.

Cadley.—"Do you bike much, Miss Fitzvere?"
Miss Fitzvere.—"No, but I cycle a great deal."

FUN'S FUNNY CALENDAR for 1901.

Containing a variety of useless and unreliable information.

1 M "A bird in the bag is worth two in the cover." Modern [instance of an old saw.
2 Tu **FUNDAY.**
3 W Belgium's Independence, 1854. Brussels Sprouts same yr.
4 Th Dense fogs. Tallow candle used by pew-opener of St. Angelina's, 1900.
5 F Protestant party' s'candle-ised. Bishops appealed to.
6 S Convocation called hastily to London. Conference at [Lambeth.
7 S St. Cecilia's Day.
8 M Rome annexed, 1870. Re-annexed by the Church Union, 1900. What 'nexed! becomes the Kens t war cry.
9 Tu **FUNDAY.**
10 W Cervantes b., 1547. Grand performance of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza by John Morley & Sir W. Harcourt.
11 Th Lambeth Conference still being held with closed doors. Kensit at the key-hole. [use night-lights in future.
12 F Lambeth decision. Pew-opener severely censured. To
13 S Beadles at Bank of England discovered in vestments [during office hours, 1900.
14 S St. Cecilia's Day.
15 M Sir William Harcourt denounces beadle's vestmen's as [savouring of Popery.
16 Tu **FUNDAY.**
17 W Two prisoners at Wormwood Scrubbs confess to chaplain, 1900. [Holborn Viaduct.
18 Th Free Churches in arms. Dr. Parker, as Cromwell, seizes
19 F Lord Halifax at the head of his curates marches up Farringdon Street.
20 S Holborn Viaduct stormed. Free Churches capitulate.
21 S St. Cecilia's Day. [Cecil Rhodes, 1899.
22 M Sir Philip Francis born, 1740. Mr. Lecky denounces [Poles discovered, 1901.
23 Tu **FUNDAY.**
24 W Marvellous news from America. Yachts return. The
25 Th The English boat reports that by remarkable drifting it reached North Pole, May last.
26 F The American boat gives full description of South Pole.
27 S Cup Race again on. American boat wins by 70 miles.
28 S St. Cecilia's Day.
29 M Proprietor of English boat says he was fairly beaten. [Great enthusiasm.
30 Tu **FUNDAY.**
31 W Cup handed to English yacht as a mark of America's appreciation of a true sportsman. *Entente* more *cordiale* than ever.

THE CLINGING SKIRT.

SAY not the struggle nought availeth,
The battle of the robes is *vain*,
The glamour of the "paysanne" paleth,
And as skirts have been, they'll remain.

If *jupes* were hopes, fears may be liars,
It may be in yon sack concealed,
The form divine will fret for thee,
And once again you'll hold the field.

For while the "paysanne" loosely flowing,
Each painful inch may render vain,
The skirt that hangs, when winds are blowing,
Will certainly come back again!

"A LITTLE BIT OF PAPER."

"A LITTLE bit of paper" is a very cheering thing
When it takes the form of cheque or a P.O.;
You feel inclined to whistle, and you feel inclined to sing,
And merrily ejaculate, "What ho!"

"A little bit of paper" is a most depressing thing
When it takes the form of summons or of bill;
You're more inclined for weeping than you are inclined to sing,
Especially if in your purse there's *nil*!

TOO MUCH OF IT.

Doctor.—"You want rousing up, my dear sir."

Quiverful.—"That's strange, considering the twins rouse me up about a dozen times every night."

FUN'S FUNNY CALENDAR FOR 1900.

Containing a variety of useless and unreliable information.

1 Th To "Commandeer"—definitely received into thieves' slang—synonym for to thieve. [ever, 1899.
2 F Jenny Lind d., 1887. Letty Lind more charming than
3 S Joan of Arc captured, 1840. The chosen maid of all he
4 S St. Cecilia's Day. ['uns, 1900.
5 M Battle of Inkerman, 1854. War correspondents shed their
6 Tu FUNDAY. [last drop of ink for their country.
7 W First Gazette published, 1665. What's in a name—when it's in it?
8 Th John Milton died. 1674. Watson, Buchanan, and Morris
9 F God Bless the Prince of Wales! [flourishing, 1900.
10 S Dr. Leyds' watch commandeered—International Com-
11 S St. Cecilia's Day. [plications, 1900.
12 M Dr. Leyds declares himself to be the equivalent of a
13 Tu FUNDAY. [crowned head—and demands arbitration.
14 W News from Greenwich Observatory—Kurds invade the Milky Whey!
15 Th Dr. Leyds declares that the police force in Brussels is a menace to him personally—demands their abolition.
16 F Dr. Leyds declares war, and invades Ghent—awful slaughter.
17 S Strange Astral Note. Taurus attacks the Seven Sisters,
18 S St. Cecilia's Day. [but driven back by the dog-star.
19 M The South Pole annexed by England, 1902.
20 Tu FUNDAY. [Pole by a grateful Government, 1902.
21 W Mr. Leonard Courtney sent out as Governor of South
22 Th Mr. Courtney's constituents give a farewell party. Philosophy and fireworks.
23 F Mr. Courtney leaves Waterloo. The House of Commons attends to a man to see the last (they hope) of him.
24 S Cruiser sent to escort Mr. Courtney, in case some enemy of England should send him home again.
25 S St. Cecilia's Day. [again.
26 M Mr. Courtney "spoken" off Land's End. Britain herself
27 Tu FUNDAY. [ing, 1900. "Ego et Regina Mea."
28 W Cardinal Wolsey died, 1530. Mr. Chamberlain flourish-
29 Th Mr. Schreiner becomes Leader of the Liberal Party, 1900.
30 F St. Andrew. Mr. John Morley turns Vegetarian, and lives on Thistles, 1900.

THE PLAINT OF A RHYMESTER.

When an Editor meekly
Accepts for his weekly
Gay paper, some rhyme which is certainly funny,
It seems rather hard
On the poor little bard
If those efforts some time do not bring him in money.

A bird that can sing
Is a very fine thing,
Its sweet song may come from a diet of worms,
But a poor hungry scribbler
Will soon grow a dribbler
If he and that Editor can't come to terms.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

The weather prophet undertakes to tell what is to be,
Of sun or rain, or snow or hail, or storms upon the sea;
Sometimes he's right, more often wrong; and sometimes half-and-half,
Which isn't satisfactory—no wonder people laugh.

The only prophecy that's safe—you take the tip, it's plain—
Is, if it rains, it will be fine; if fine, then follows rain;
And if it's frost, expect a thaw; and if a thaw, then frost;
But don't state date, or time, or place, for if you do you're lost.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

Bruiser Brothers, the Champion Prize Fighters, being out of a job, have allowed their tender hearts to go out towards the fair sex whose tribulation at this season is well known. Their motto, "Patience," is, if necessary, maintained by force of arms, of which they have a large supply, but moral suasion is usually effectual. They have become great favourites with the married ladies, who owe to them much domestic bliss. It is needless to say more, as their kindly, tender, virtuous nature is written on every line of their extensive countenances.

Containing a variety of useless and unreliable information.

1 S Pantomime preparations in full swing. Mr. Kruger secured by Drury Lane. Grimaldi nowhere, 1900.
2 S St. Cecilia's Day.
3 M The St. Petersburg Pantomime to be called "Bear and For Bear, or The Forty Thieves."
4 Tu **FUNDAY.** [First Fiddler."
5 W The Berlin Pantomime to be, "Old King Cole, or The
6 Th The Paris Pantomime to be, "Little Boy Blue, or Le Petit Bleu." [Right."
7 F The Vienna Pantomime to be, "Turkish Delight, or Servia
8 S The Rome Pantomime to be, "The Little Savoyard, or
9 S St. Cecilia's Day. [Great Expectations."
10 M The Madrid Pantomime to be, "Philippina, or The Spanish Nut Crackers."
11 Tu **FUNDAY.** [the Dela-goer."
12 W The Lisbon Pantomime to be, "Going, going, gone, or
13 Th The Copenhagen Pantomime to be, "Cinderella, or the Prince's Bride." [He's the Boss for us."
14 F The Constantinople Pantomime to be, "The Sick man, or
15 S Izaak Walton died, 1683; believed to be fishing in the
16 S St. Cecilia's Day. [Styx, 1900.
17 M The Berne Pantomime to be, "Kiss and Tell, or Charity
18 Tu **FUNDAY.** [and Freedom."
19 W The Christiania Pantomime to be, "The Master Builder; Ibsense makes the heart grow fonder."
20 Th The Pekin Pantomime to be, "A nice little room on the third floor back, or Mother bids me bind my Hair."
21 F The Yokohama Pantomime to be, "The Mikado, or An army Corea and an army Corps there."
22 S The New York Pantomime to be, "Fighting Bob, or
23 S St. Cecilia's Day. [Dewey really mean it?"
24 M The London Pantomime to be, "The Great Lord
25 Tu **FUNDAY.** [Chamberlain, or Let 'em all come!"
26 W The Brussels Pantomime to be, "The Land of the Free, or We'll have no Ben Till-it." [or Our young Dutch."
27 Th The Amsterdam Pantomime to be, "The Angel of Peace,
28 F The Athens Pantomime to be, "A Race of Heroes, or Just before the Battle."
29 S The British Colonies Pantomime to be, "A Chip of the Old Block, or Rally round the Flag, Boys!"
30 S St. Cecilia's Day. [up."
31 M Fun's Pantomime to be "Good Resolutions, or Keep it

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

The comic ones may ridicule
The waits and talk of howls,
For every year it is their rule
To concoct funny growls;
But if no waits came in our street,
Our minds would be quite racked,
For, though their strains may not be sweet,
We like 'em—that's a fact!

The comic ones their jokes may fling
At the age of the goose,
And say to carve we have to bring
A hatchet into use;
But it is rare a bird we see
That e'er has to be hacked,
And, though more tender it *might* be,
We like it—that's a fact!

The comic ones with scorn may greet
The pudding, and declare
That indigestion, if we eat,
Will be our dismal share;
But what would Christmas Day be like
That a plum pudding lacked?
Why, big and little ones would "strike"!
We like it—that's a fact!

The comic ones at customs old
May flout, and sneer, and jeer,
And say that all those folks are "sold"
Who keep them up each year;
But Christmas with its jolliness
Will ne'er cease to attract,
And every Briton it will bless—
We *love* it—that's a fact!

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

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From *her* Dominions vast
Come greetings to our Queen,
The Sovereign wisest, best,
The world has ever seen.

Our kindred far away,
Old customs now do please;
With memories of home
Their thoughts fly back to these.

Sweet robins 'mid the snow,
The bells of Christmas ringing;
Holly, famed mistletoe,
And children carols singing.

They dance at Christmas revels;
Sweethearts in corners sit,
Whispering *their* soft nothings,
As close their souls are knit.

May friends be reunited
Who have parted many years;
Life's chapters fresh recited
Of troubles, joys, and fears.

Let *us* remember now
Our poor, afflicted neighbours,
With cheery gift and word,
Thus soothing life's hard labours.

May *we* have *peace* and *Fun*;
No war clouds near at hand!
But Heaven's brightest sun
Shine o'er our Native Land!

J. H. Oakley.

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